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Fatal Traffic Collision – Vehicle vs. Child

Riverside, CA – On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at about 1:56 PM, Riverside Police Officers responded to a condominium complex in the 2500 block of Grambling Way, reference reports of an injury traffic collision involving a child.

Upon investigation, it was learned a mother and her 18-month-old son were being dropped off at the complex by a family member. The mother exited the front passenger door and removed the child from the rear passenger area, while still in his child restraint. The mother sat the child restraint down on the ground to shut the passenger doors of the Mercedes SUV. While completing this task and unbeknownst to the mother, the 18-month-old crawled out of his child restraint. As the family member drove away, the child was struck by the SUV and sustained major injuries.

Members of the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response paramedics tended to the child, who was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The identity of the child has not been released, pending complete family notification.

The department's Major Accident Investigation Team responded and investigated the collision.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact Detective Rick Prince at 951-826-8722.

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